Introduced March 14, 2017, by Councilman Vanney, seconded by Councilman Cusimano

## **RESOLUTION R17-02**

A resolution by the Slidell City Council in support of the efforts to relocate electric transmission lines located near the Slidell City Airport.

WHEREAS, CLECO and Entergy own electric transmission lines located north of the Slidell Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2016, a fatal aircraft accident occurred at the Slidell Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the aircraft struck the powerlines and crashed, resulting in the death of the pilot and his passenger; and

WHEREAS, Slidell City officials are concerned for the safety of aircraft using the Slidell Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the electric transmission lines would allow for an extended and safer landing path for incoming aircraft; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the electric transmission lines would allow for expansion of the airport facilities to accommodate large corporate clients; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to acquire land and relocate the electric transmissions lines of the two energy companies, CLECO and Entergy, is in excess of \$13 Million; and

WHEREAS, Slidell City officials are attempting to create a collaborative effort with all interested parties to accomplish said expansion.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council supports the efforts to relocate the electric transmission lines located near the Slidell Municipal Airport.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2017.

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